



Regional Service Council Minutes Region # 2

Meeting Date: Wednesday March 2, 2011 – 5:30 p.m. CST

Meeting Location: Wheatfield Town Hall, Wheatfield, IN

Council Members Present: Terrance Ciboch, Magistrate Ed Nemeth (proxy for Judge Mary Harper), Judge Michael Shurn, Sharon Mathew, Dee Lynch, Jack McGlone, Melissa Johnson, Don Amidei, and Samantha Misch

Council Members Absent: Ron Fisher, Christy Turbett, Marilyn Lockridge and Claudia Clark

Others In Attendance: Ramona Gebert, Lou Richey, Joni Tusing, Hong-phuc Nguyen, Debbie Branfield, Ken Shields, Elsie Anderson, Lisa Jordan, Jade Palin, Karen Biernacki, Tia Miller, Diana Dibkey, Nancy Koedyker, Jim Burns, Nancy Gettinger, Sharn Lee Oman, Jorsie Breyer and Stephanie Bachelor

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at: Regional Service Council meeting was called to order by Terrance Ciboch, Regional Manager for Region #2, at 5:32 P.M. CST.

1. Roll was called, and the Regional Service Council introduced. It was noted that a quorum was present and seated. Mr. Ciboch introduced to the council Joni Tusing, Regional Finance Manager and Hong-phuc Nguyen, Regional Child Welfare Services Coordinator.
2. October 6, 2010 minutes – Sharon Mathew made a motion to accept the October 6th minutes as written and was seconded by Jack McGlone. Vote taken, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, minutes passed.
3. Program / Committee Reports
 - A) Community Partners: Tia Miller/Dunebrook, distributed a handout to the members of the RSC which included information regarding referrals

for Home Visit services and Fourth Quarter outcome for the last 3 months of 2010. Also this handout included information regarding Prevention Service from other agencies and information regarding remaining Prevention Fund billing from 2/1/2011 thru 6/30/2011. The RSC suggested that Tia Miller, Dunebrook, work towards having physical contact with one of our other partner agencies to further open discussion with clients and DCS workers regarding any questions, referrals, etc. that might still be out there.

B) General Update: The Pilot program for Choices is having mixed reviews. This program provides services to children in long term residential care. Choices will transit, taking over responsibilities and creating a viable case plan for each client, however; the FCM will remain in charge of the case. Updated/more information will be forth coming at the May meeting.

Service standards proposal for Kids Advocates has been withdrawn but is scheduled to be reissued before July 1st.

4. Unfinished Business

None

5. New Business:

A) RSC: Mr. Ciboch will be sending out letters regarding recruiting new members to join the RSC. Discussion/consideration will be held at the May meeting.

B) Discussion was held regarding service providers, some have been excluded due to incomplete bids and/or there was no need for their services. Sharon Mathews made a motion recommending the remaining providers be approved on a probational basis and FCM's will be able to submit referrals. Dee Lynch seconded this motion. Vote taken, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, motion passed.

C) Region # 2 Choices employees will be housed in the LaPorte County DCS office.

D) Due to a miscommunication, discussion regarding the bidding process involving service providers had come to a halt. Sharon Mathew made a motion to open up the bidding process to identify gaps in service provision for Region # 2. More detailed information regarding visitation supervision, parenting and family functions, and

counseling services need clarification. Jack McGlone seconded the motion. Vote taken, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, motion passed.

E) Discussion was held regarding changes in the Home Builders program. Follow up training needs/should be available to supervisors.

6. Public Testimony/Announcements:

Nancy Koedyker announced, Community Partners will remain with Dunebrook.

Jim Burns discussed miscommunications with Choices and will address this issue further with Joni Tusing, Hong-phuc Nguyen and Mr. Ciboch.

New RFP providers must provide monthly reports; CASA and CPS would like them on a weekly basis.

Hong-phuc Nguyen will provide training sessions regarding service standards for FCM's, probation and CASA.

7. Meeting adjourned by acclamation at 6:48 p.m. CST.

The next meeting will be May 4, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. at the Wheatfield Town Hall, in Wheatfield, IN.